



SKYE AND LOCHALSH THIRD SECTOR PROFILE

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INTRODUCTION

This Third Sector Profile has been compiled by Skye and Lochalsh Council for Voluntary Organisations as part of Year One of the **Skye and Lochalsh Health, Wellbeing, Welfare and Social Care Collaboration Project**.

A comprehensive mapping exercise included compiling data from:

- OSCR and Companies House Registers
- SLCVO members list
- local engagement online and in person
- Social media research

Information was cross-referenced with the previous Third Sector Profile for the area compiled by SLCVO in 2021 (excluding the data for Wester Ross).

SKYE AND LOCHALSH COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

Skye and Lochalsh Council for Voluntary Organisations (SLCVO) supports and enables community development in the local area, delivering Highland Third Sector Interface (HTSI) core support services to local volunteer-led community groups, services, and initiatives.

- Supporting & developing the Third Sector
- Volunteer Development
- Development of social enterprise
- Community planning

Our activities include running the **Befrienders -Skye and Lochalsh** service and, as the voice for the local Third sector, we are actively involved in: -

- Managing the Skye, Lochalsh & Wester Ross Drug and Alcohol Forum
- Supporting the Skye and Raasay Future Board and SARF plan
- Supporting Lochalsh Collaboration meetings and Area Plan

SKYE AND LOCHALSH HEALTH, WELLBEING, WELFARE AND SOCIAL CARE COLLABORATION PROJECT

The Skye and Lochalsh Health, Wellbeing, Welfare and Social Care Collaboration Project focuses on supporting the massive contribution made by the Third Sector to the health wellbeing and welfare of people living in Skye and Lochalsh. It is about making sure that services continue to be developed in response to the needs of individuals, that people can access those services easily, and that the groups and organisations delivering them work together and are equipped to go forward.

PROJECT AIMS

To improve health, wellbeing, welfare and social care service delivery and community resilience - by offering a more joined-up care approach, strengthening partnerships between Third Sector and public agencies and identifying, developing and delivering Third Sector services that address the diverse health, wellbeing and welfare support needs of the communities of Skye and Lochalsh.

To increase capacity building and sustainable growth by supporting Third Sector service providers, ensuring that they have the skills, resources, and support to deliver effective services and projects.

To foster innovation and effective working by encouraging the sharing of knowledge, continuous learning and the exchange of expertise and experiences.

Health, wellbeing, and welfare in the broadest sense goes beyond the primary care and welfare services delivered by the public sector.

It is about having somewhere affordable to live; access to food; being able to heat your home; employment; whether you have a support network of friends, family, neighbours; access to childcare. For some people it's also about specific challenges related to health conditions addictions, trauma or crisis. For people living in a remote rural area there are also the challenges of geographical remoteness, limited transport options and social isolation.

All these things – and more – have an impact on a person's health and wellbeing.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

1. Create a profile of Third Sector activities in Skye and Lochalsh to give a baseline of service provision.
2. Compile an updated Community Directory of the health wellbeing and social care support available locally.
3. Work with Third Sector health, wellbeing, and welfare service providers on shaping the consortium and developing it as a formal co-production platform.
4. Conduct a public assessment of the community health, wellbeing, and welfare support needs of people in the Skye and Lochalsh area.
5. Produce a Skye and Lochalsh Health, Wellbeing and Welfare Third Sector Delivery Plan and establish a Delivery Program.
6. Identify connections in the wider community planning landscape and ascertain how needs align with the objectives and outcomes of national, regional, and local plans.



The region of Skye and Lochalsh in the Scottish Highlands covers a total area of 270,656 hectares.¹

The Lochalsh district covers a sizeable part of the mainland from the shores of Loch Carron (Stromeferry & Achmore) to Loch Alsh and Loch Duich (including Kyle of Lochalsh, Inverinate and Kintail). It also covers between Loch Alsh/Loch Duich and Loch Hourn – including Letterfearn, Arnisdale and Glenelg.

The Isle of Skye *An t-Eilean Sgitheanach* or *Eilean a' Cheò* is the second largest island in Scotland, covering an area of approx. 1,656 km² (639 sq. miles)

The area also includes the Isle of Raasay, and the smaller islands of Rona, Fladda, Scalpay, Pabay, and Soay.

POPULATION

The Skye and Lochalsh area has a total population of **13,439** (census 2022).

- Isle of Skye (including Raasay) **10,686** and Lochalsh **2,754**

With a density of just 5 persons per square kilometre, the whole of the Skye and Lochalsh area is classified as **very remote rural**²

The people living in Skye and Lochalsh are mostly clustered in small rural townships and scattered settlements across the area. The settlement pattern of the area is governed to a large extent by the landscape. Small communities, crofting townships and scattered housing is mainly on coastal areas or in sheltered glens and along loch sides.

The Skye and Lochalsh area is governed by Highland Council (one of the 32 Local Authorities in Scotland). It includes two electoral Wards – the Isle of Skye comes under the **Eilean a' Chèò Ward 10** and Lochalsh comes under the **Wester Ross, Strathpeffer and Lochalsh Ward 5**.

*Roughly 28% of the population of Skye and Lochalsh live in either the **Portree** or **Broadford** areas (Skye) or **Kyle of Lochalsh** on the mainland.*

These are the three defined settlements recognised by the National Records of Scotland.

¹ Landscape Character Assessment Skye and Lochalsh 2019 Nature Scot Nàdar Alba

² The **Scottish Government Urban Rural Classification** (version 2020) is consistent with the Government's core definition of rurality which defines Settlements of less than 3,000 people to be rural. It also classifies areas as remote based on drive times from settlements of 10,000 or more people. Areas are classed as **remote rural** if they are more than a 60-minute drive time from a settlement with a population of 10,000. For the whole of Skye and Lochalsh, the nearest settlement with a population of 10,000 is the city of Inverness (population c82,000). From Portree to Inverness drive time is approx. 3 hours.

365+ total volunteer-led groups, clubs and organisations in Skye and Lochalsh

258 constituted Third Sector groups & organisations



67 company ltd by guarantee

50 SCIOs (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisations)

7 CICs (Community Interest Companies)



94 unincorporated associations

100+ un-constituted volunteer-led informal groups

67% of constituted Third Sector in Skye & Lochalsh are **registered charities**

26 village halls and community centres

Third Sector in Skye and Lochalsh delivers across

- **Health & Social Care**
- **Welfare & Social Justice**
- **Community Services & Development**
- **Culture/Recreation & Sports**
- **Education & Lifelong Learning**
- **Faith**

75+

different types of services and activities

21 development trusts

21 community councils



69

groups active in delivering **Health, Social Care, Welfare and Social Justice** support services

21% of all groups are active in **Community Services/Community Development**

37

groups active in promoting our **GAELIC** Language and Culture

27



constituted groups specifically benefit **children.**

10% of all groups are active in **environmental protection**



Community Councils are voluntary organisations that function as a voice for their local area. They are set up by statute by the Local Authority and run by nominated volunteer local residents to act on behalf of their area.

Community Councils are governed by the scheme of establishment which sets out how they should operate including elections, membership rules and meeting arrangements.

They meet regularly to discuss issues affecting their area, including planning and licensing applications.

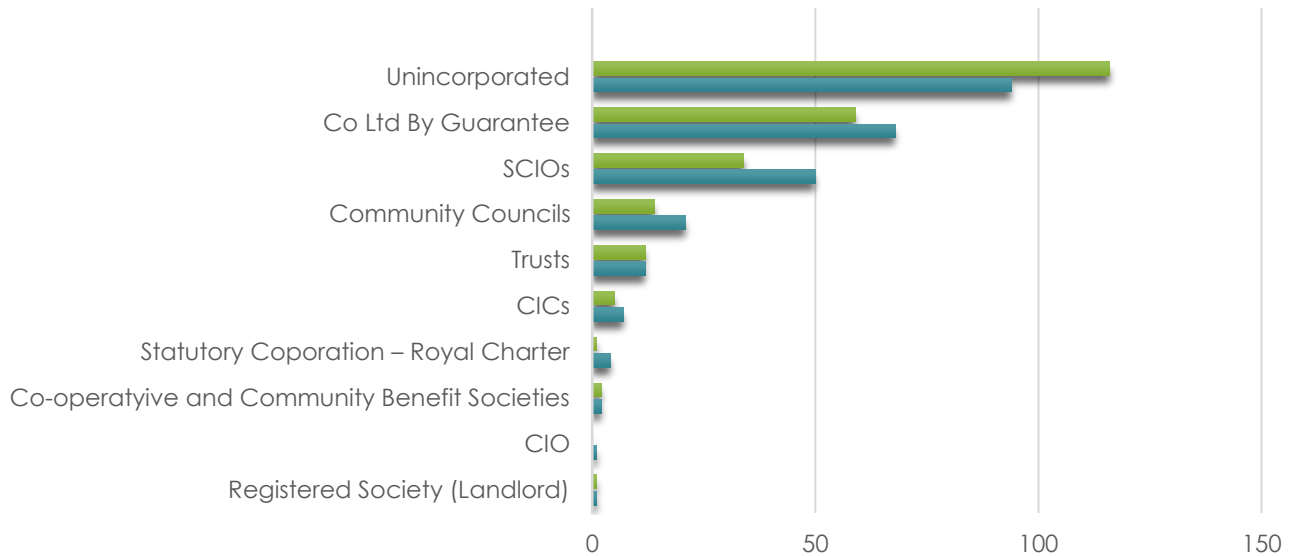
As well as representing the community to the local authority, Community Councils facilitate a wide range of activities for their communities such as community clean-up events, local surveys, and organising charity events.

Within Skye and Lochalsh there are currently **21** active community councils comprising volunteer representative's resident in each of the boundary areas.

Community councils are active in – - **Kyle; Glenelg & Arnisdale; Dornie & District; Lochduich & Inverinate; Plockton & District; Stromeferry & Achmore.** As at end Feb 2025 there were insufficient nominations to form a Community Council for the **Lochalsh** community council area.

The people of Raasay are represented by **Raasay** Community Council and there are 14 Community Councils in the Isle of Skye: **Broadford & Strath; Dunvegan & District; Glendale; Kilmuir; Kyleakin and Kyleerhea; Minginish; Portree & Braes; Sconser; Skeabost & District; Sleat; Staffin; Struan; Uig and Waternish.**

■ 2021 ■ 2025 **Third Sector Skye and Lochalsh**



Of the 258 formally constituted Third Sector groups and organisations, the majority have chosen a form of incorporated legal structure.

- **26%** of the Third Sector in Skye and Lochalsh is incorporated as a **Company Ltd by Guarantee**
- **19%** have chosen to register as a **SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)** - there is also **1 CIO** (a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in England) operating in partnership with one of the faith organisations in Portree.
- **3%** of the Third Sector in Skye and Lochalsh are **Community Interest Companies**.

37% of the Third Sector in Skye and Lochalsh is **unincorporated** – this includes many of the village halls, churches and groups active in cultural recreational and sporting activities.

There are also: -

- **2 Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies** (previously known as *Industrial and Provident Societies*)
- **4 Statutory corporations (with Royal Charter)**
- **12 Trusts**

COMPARISON WITH 2021

There has been a small increase (just under 6%) in the number of constituted Third Sector groups over the last 4 years.

The percentage breakdown of legal structures is proportionally similar, but it is worth noting that the number of unincorporated groups has decreased.

- **10** unincorporated groups active in 2021 have since wound up.
- **5** unincorporated groups are now incorporated including at least 2 of the village halls.
- **3** groups have changed name or have merged with other groups for example where village halls have been transferred as assets to one of the development trusts.

There has been an increase in the number of incorporated groups, corresponding with the rise in development trusts and an increase in groups registered as SCIOs.

THIRD SECTOR GROUPS IN SKYE AND LOCHALSH WITH CHARITABLE STATUS

Just under **67%** of the Third Sector groups and organisations operating in Skye and Lochalsh have registered charitable status.

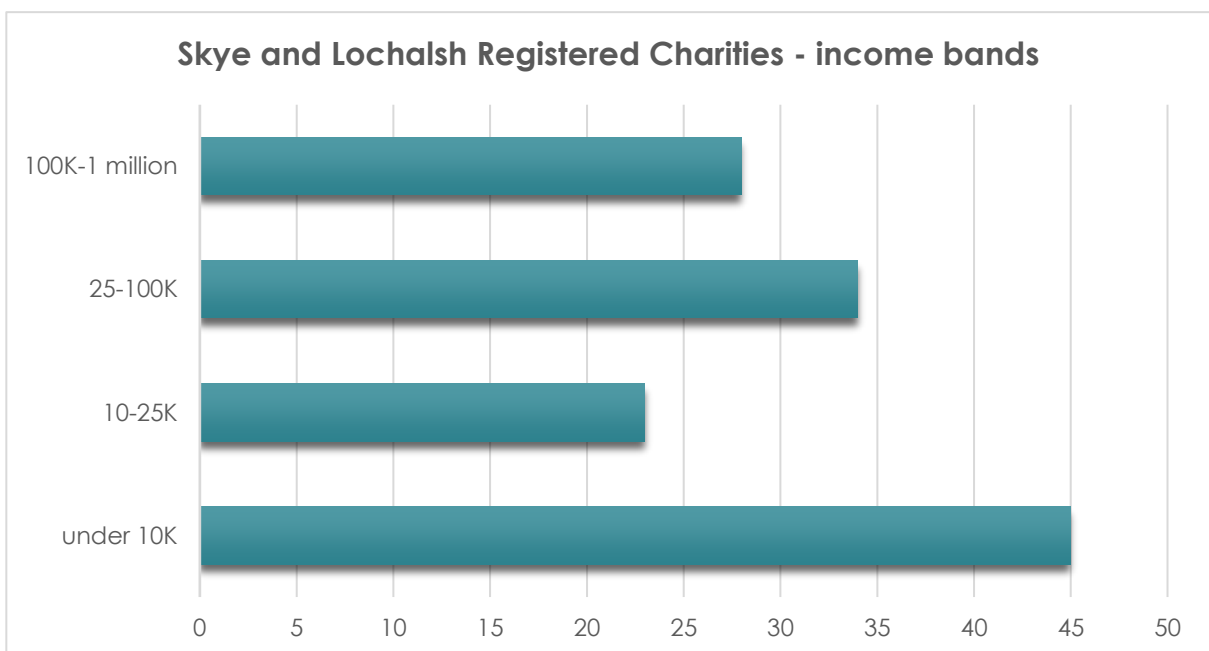
Of these 172 charities **97** are registered in Skye and **39** in Lochalsh. **36** charities are registered elsewhere (but provide either 'in person' services such as support for peer groups or fundraising groups, or an outreach service)

- **26** are registered elsewhere in Highland.
- **7** registered elsewhere in Scotland
- **3** registered elsewhere in UK

Most locally based charities generate their income to sustain activities by a combination of applying for grants, local fundraising, bequests, and trading.

Excluding the larger charities registered outwith the area, **28** of the charities registered in Skye and Lochalsh have an income of between **100k and 1 million**. These are mainly charities which trade in some way, including development trusts managing visitor facilities such as a campsite; charity shops; ticketing for events and services.

The majority of charities in Skye and Lochalsh have an income of under £10K and many rely totally on local fundraising.

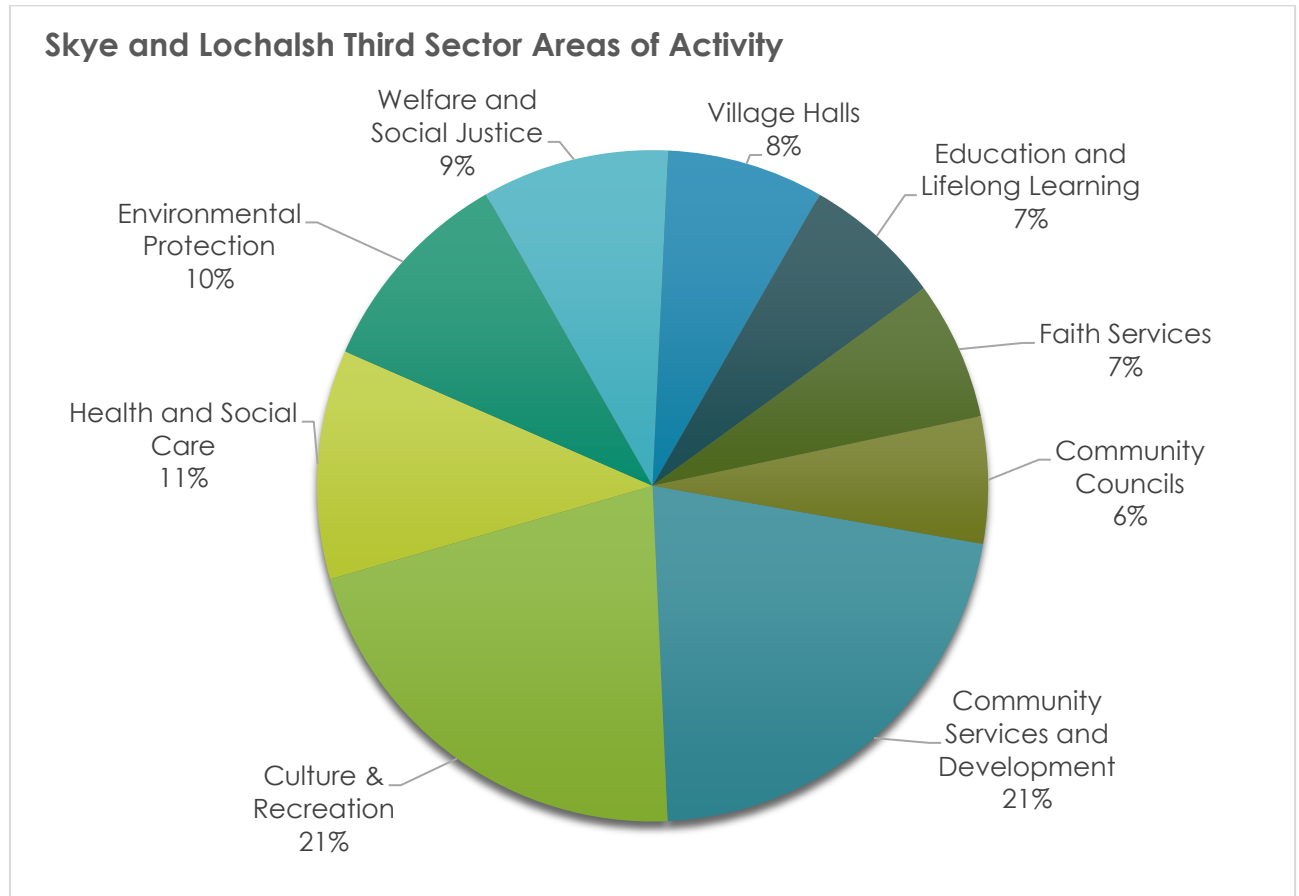


Only a handful of the charities on the Office of Scottish Charities Register in Skye and Lochalsh were late in filing submission of their annual return and at least 3 were still filing despite being dormant/inactive and having zero funds in the bank.

SKYE AND LOCHALSH THIRD SECTOR - AREAS OF ACTIVITY

The Third Sector in Skye and Lochalsh is active across a diverse range of activities and services. Over **75** different types of activities were identified and logged during the mapping exercise and each of these was then categorised under 7 headings: -

Health and Social Care; Welfare and Social Justice; Community Services and Development; Culture, Recreation & Sports; Education and Lifelong Learning and Faith Services.



Over the last 4 years (since the previous profile in 2021) the areas of activity that have seen the biggest increases are:

- Community services / development
- Health and Social Care
- Welfare and Social Justice

Just under 70 groups are now delivering a range of support services under the combined categories of Health and Social Care and Welfare/Social Justice.

CATEGORISATION OF ACTIVITIES & SERVICES

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SERVICES could include: -

addiction support services; befriending/mentoring; care home/hospice: **carer services; children/young people:** community safety; **counselling; emergency response/disaster relief; family service; learning disability support;** LGBTQI+ ; **men's support services; mental health support; mental wellbeing support;** help for offenders/ex-offenders/victims of crime; **older people** (including lunch clubs, day care); **other health /long term condition support; physical disabilities support;** refugee/asylum seekers support; **self-help/peer support; substance misuse** (e.g. drugs and alcohol); supported housing; **women's support services.**

WELFARE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE SUPPORT could include: -

advice services (including money and welfare rights); **advocacy support; campaigning;** equality and human rights; **financial support/material assistance; food security** (such as food banks, food shares, community fridge); **fuel security; homelessness support;** law and legal services; **overseas aid.**

COMMUNITY SERVICES & DEVELOPMENT could include: -

community councils; community development/capacity building; community radio; community transport; credit union/community banking; **digital infrastructure services;** employment/employability services; **fundraising organisation; grant making/community benefits funds; maritime infrastructure; parent councils; parking & visitor facilities; residents association; social/affordable housing; village halls/community centres**

CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES could include: -

arts activities (public participation); arts/events organisation; heritage preservation (e.g. museums, historical sites, archives, conservation); **leisure and recreational activities** (e.g. youth clubs, community cafes, walking groups); **leisure and recreational facilities** (e.g. swimming pools, sports centres, community hubs, play parks, men's sheds, allotments, arts venues); **promotion of Gaelic language and culture; sports participation** e.g. shinty

EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING ACTIVITIES could include: -

adult learning; community learning; early years learning; high school education; primary school education; research; student association

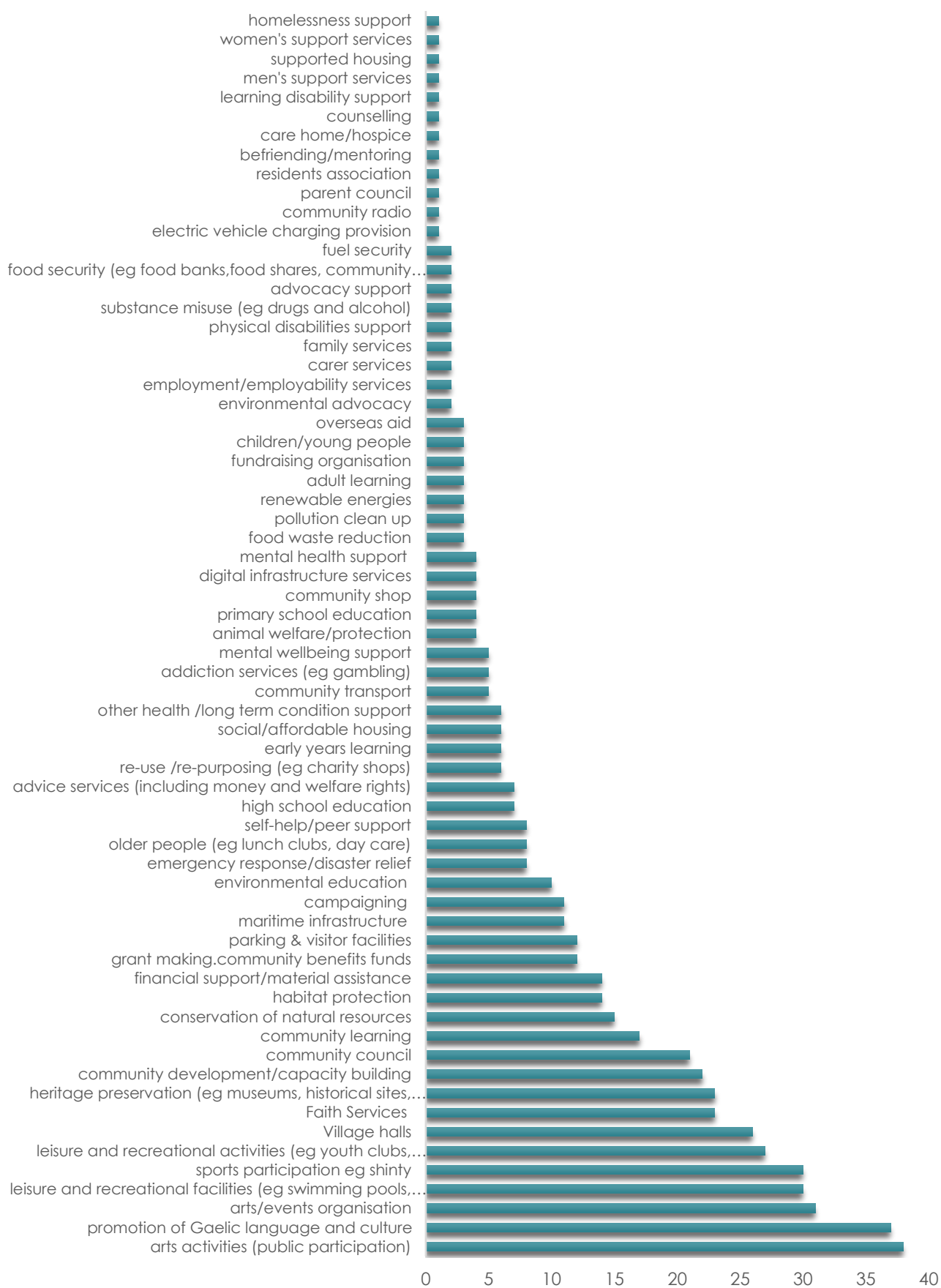
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES could include: -

animal welfare/protection; conservation of natural resources; electric vehicle charging provision; environmental advocacy; environmental education; food waste reduction; green building; **habitat protection; pollution clean-up; recycling facilities/activities; renewable energies; re-use /re-purposing** (including charity shops); waste management.

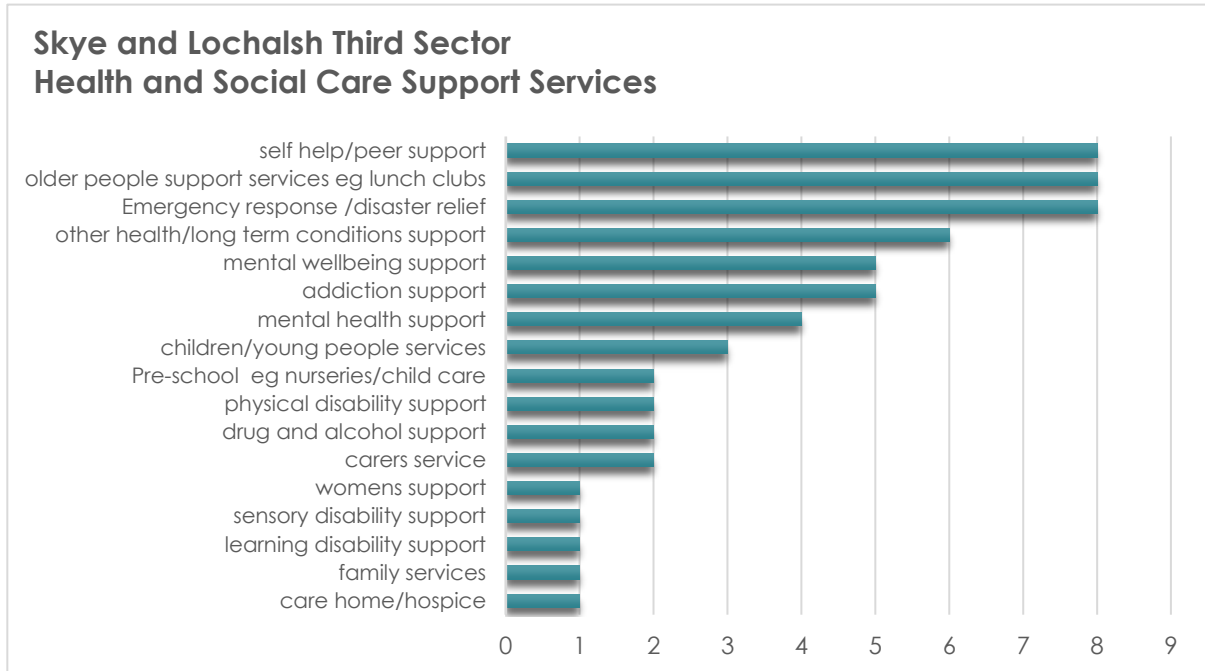
FAITH SERVICES could include **facilities for worship; advancing understanding of religion; holding faith services** and **missionary work.**

Many groups are active across more than one area of activity, including development trusts with subgroups managing diverse projects such as men's sheds, pollution clean ups, affordable housing and the provision of visitor attractions/parking.

SKYE AND LOCHALSH THIRD SECTOR – BREAKDOWN OF ACTIVITIES SERVICES



38 Third Sector groups in Skye and Lochalsh are delivering Health and Social Care support services. **17** of these are run entirely by volunteers and most of these groups focus on a single Health/ Social Care support activity.



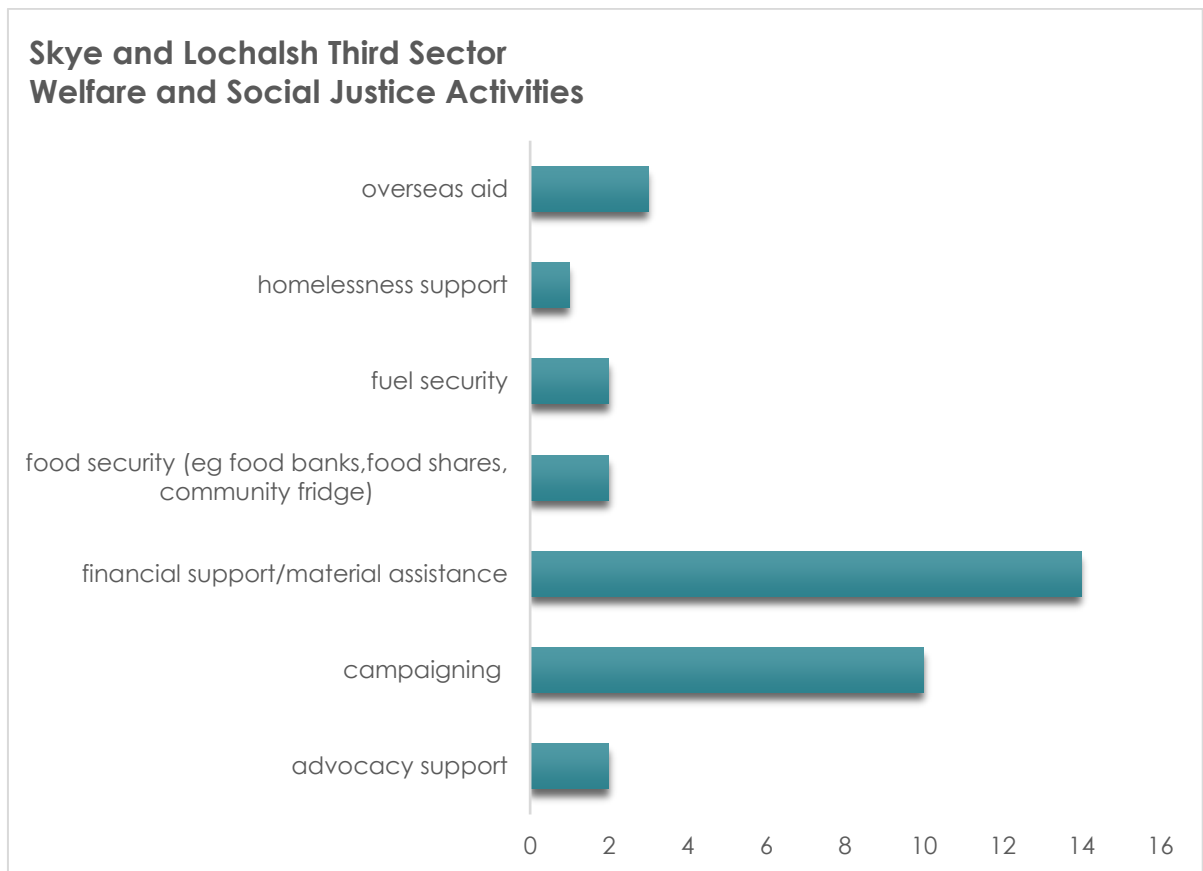
Third Sector organisations delivering health and social care support services include:

- Peer support groups such as **Skye Stroke Friends** providing invaluable social interaction and confidence building for people who have survived a stroke.
- **Counselling Care – Skye and Lochalsh** providing 1: 1 counselling opportunities for young people aged 11-18 years old and for adults.
- The **RNLI** and **Mountain Rescue Teams** (and supporting **Search and Rescue Dogs Association Scotland**) with volunteers providing essential emergency response across the Skye and Lochalsh area.
- **Ross-shire, Skye and Lochalsh Women’s Aid** supporting women, children, and young people with experience of domestic abuse.

8 Third Sector organisations in Skye and Lochalsh delivering Health and Social Care support receive clients via referrals

25 Third Sector organisations providing health and social care support are based in Skye and Lochalsh (with services covering either Skye or Lochalsh or both). 9 are charities who deliver services across the whole of Highland/ 2 operate Scotland-wide and 2 offer UK wide services.

31 groups in Skye and Lochalsh are active in delivering across 9 types of welfare/social justice services.



SLCVO have not identified any Third Sector groups active specifically in

- equalities and human rights
- law/legal assistance.

although some of these activities do come under the work of groups such as Skye and Lochalsh Citizens Advice Bureau, Inspiring Young Voices and arguably some of the groups delivering Health and Social Care support services.

Financial/material assistance is offered by **14** groups including:

- **Furniture Project** run by *Skye and Lochalsh Mental Health Association* – picking up and receiving donations of good quality furniture and white goods for those in need.
- **Tailored 'care packages'** for families in need (by referral) provided by *Highland Little Ones (HALO)* – these might include things like clothing/shoes, toiletries, nappies or even prams/cots.
- **A hospital trolley service** for patients at Portree Hospital provided by *Friends of Portree Hospital*
- **The Budhmor Fund** administered by *Skye Older Peoples Welfare (SOPW)* helping community projects working with older people.
- **Fèisean nan Gàidheal's Sgeama Tabhartasan nam Fèisean** Grant Scheme helping sustain tuition-based Fèisean, for young people up to 25 years old.
- **Skye and Lochalsh Parent Carers Support Group** offering financial assistance to support children with special needs to take part in activities during the school holidays.
- **Urras Cuimneachaidh Dhonaidh Chaimbeul** providing financial assistance to individuals living in Skye to enable them to attend further educational courses.
- Groups managing community benefit funds generated by the windfarms in their local areas - including **Edinbane Communities Company** and **Struan Community Trust** who give grants to local individuals and community groups.

WELFARE ADVICE SERVICES

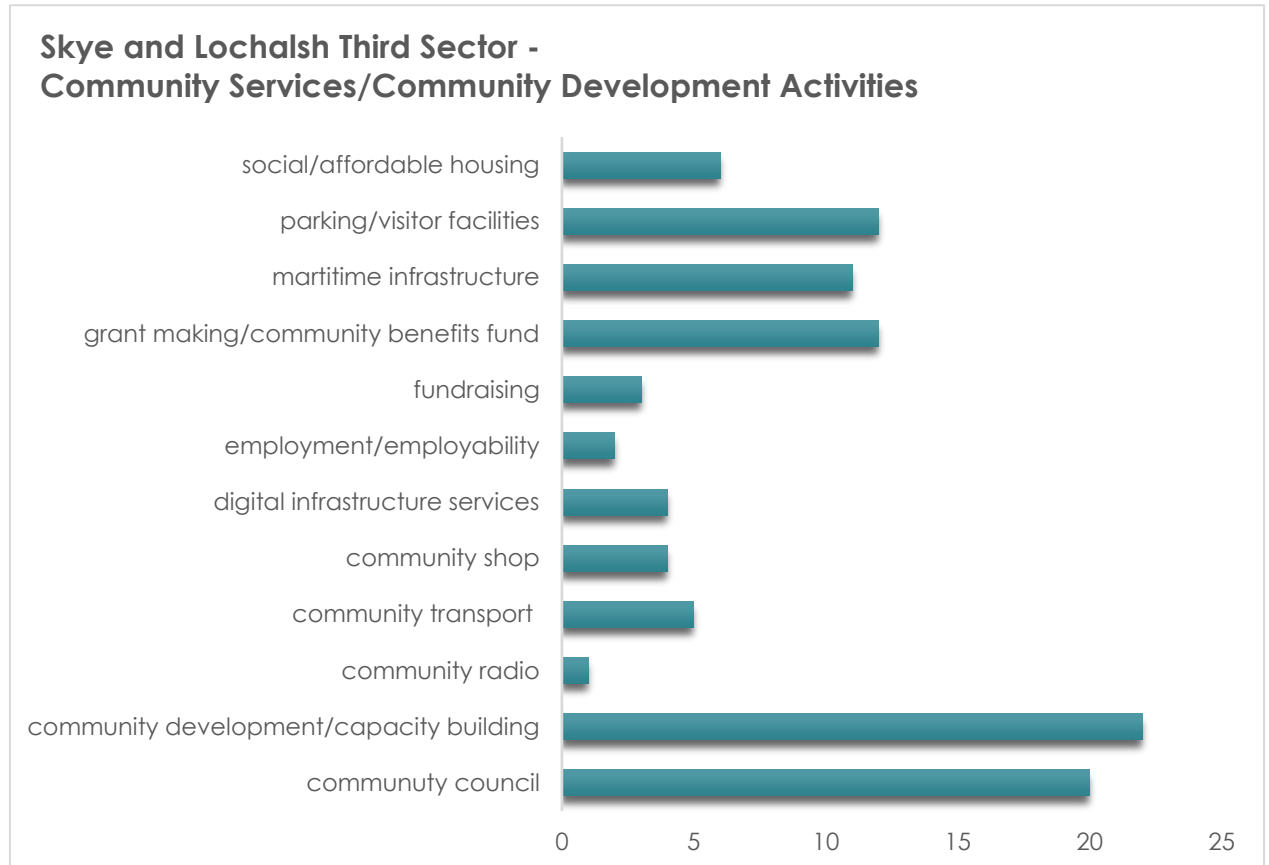
Established in 2000, **Skye and Lochalsh Citizens Advice Bureau (SLCAB)** in Portree has a team of 21 trained staff and volunteers offering free impartial advice and information in person, by phone, email and via outreach sessions to help with access to benefits; handling debt; housing issues; work and employment; family and consumer issues.

Lochalsh and Skye Housing Association (LSHA) outreach service offers information and advice on benefits and Universal Credit; housing matters; energy advice; money management and form filling.

Campaigning activities are undertaken by 11 groups in Skye and Lochalsh and include: -

- campaigning on issues that impact people aged 55+ (**Highland Senior Citizens Network**)
- advocating for changes in policy and practice to support and promote the participation of children and young people in decision making (**Inspiring Young Voices SCIO**)
- campaigning and raising the profile of veterans – such as the work done by the **Royal British Legion Scotland** who have a local branch in Lochalsh.

Community services and community development is one of the biggest areas of growth in Third Sector activity, with communities increasingly involved in generating improvements to their living environment.

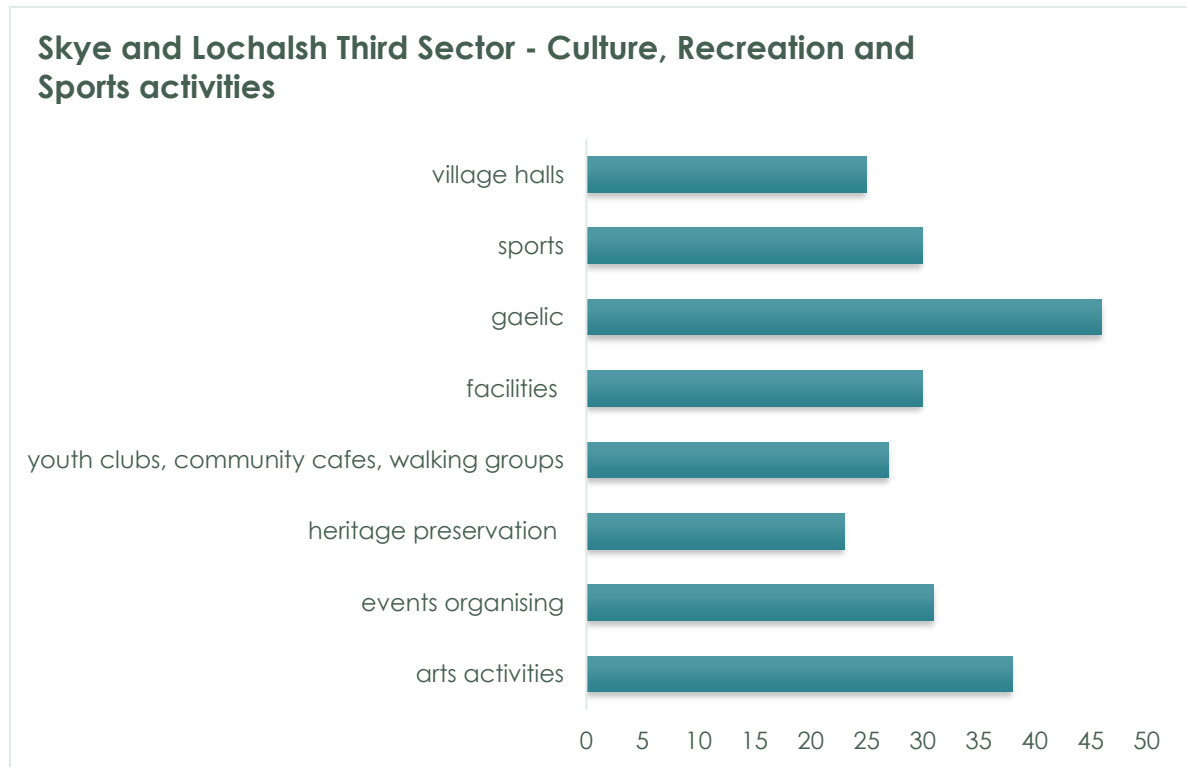


Community services and community development includes the wide range of activities undertaken by development trusts, community councils and by SLCVO / HTSI

Development Trust projects include: -

- **Community shops** such as *Armadales Stores* (Sleat Community Trust) which includes a battery recycle point, post office and petrol station.
- **Community transport** projects such as *Hamish MacBus* (Kyle and Lochalsh Community Trust)
- The provision of **parking and visitor facilities** such as the car park and toilets at the popular *Fairy Pools* (Minginish Community Association in partnership with Outdoor Access Trust for Scotland)
- **Affordable housing projects** such as the Raasay Development Trust's collaboration project with Lochalsh and Skye Housing Association and the Communities Housing Trust
- **Maritime infrastructure** such as the slipway at Staffin and Meanish Pier in Glendale.

Cultural, recreational, and sporting activities provided by the Third Sector all make a substantial contribution to the overall physical health, mental health, and wellbeing of people in our communities. They include opportunities for socialising and enjoying arts activities (including film, drama, and music); enabling participation in a range of sports; and the preservation of the area's rich and varied heritage.



In addition to the activities in the chart above, there are numerous cultural, recreational and sporting activities organised by subgroups and clubs via village halls and development trusts, as well as additional opportunities offered by informal un-constituted groups.

13 Development Trusts are delivering (or working towards) culture, recreation and sports projects including: -

- **Playparks** - such as the community playpark in Dunvegan recently completed by Dunvegan Community trust.
- **community allotments** – such as those provided by Portree and Braes Community Trust
- **heritage preservation projects** - such as the work being done by Uig Community to preserve Captain Fraser's Folly
- **community gardens** – such as the Raasay Walled Garden
- **men's sheds** – such as the one in Broadford, currently run as a subgroup by Broadford & Strath Community Company.

Social connections and community activities are at the heart of creating healthier, happier lives and a flourishing society.

National Lottery Awards for All

VILLAGE HALLS

There are **26** village halls or community centres in Skye and Lochalsh.

- **17** community centres/village halls are in Skye
- **7** village halls/community centres in Lochalsh
- 1 village hall/community centre in Raasay.

15 of the total number of halls/community centres remain unincorporated; 5 are incorporated as SCIOs and 6 are Company Ltd by Guarantee.

Village Halls and community centres play a big part in providing cultural, recreational and sports activities for their local communities.

An estimated 30+ informal, un-constituted clubs use village halls and community centres on a regular basis offering further cultural recreational and sporting activities. Some halls also host lunch clubs and community lunches.

GAELIC LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

Promotion of Gaelic language & culture

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These include: -

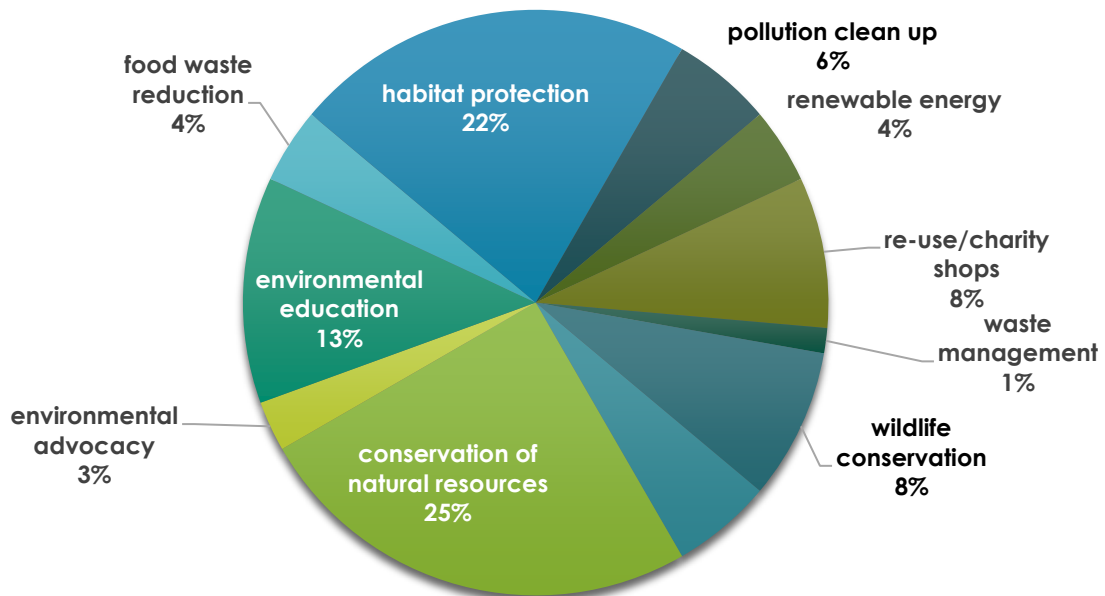
- **Sabhal Mòr Ostaig** the Gaelic college in Sleat
 - **Comunn na Gàidhlig** offering young people opportunities to have fun with the Gaelic language outside of the classroom.
 - **Fèisean nan Gàidheal** – supporting the development of community-based Gaelic arts tuition festivals.
 - **2 Gaelic choirs** (in Portree and Sleat):
 - 8 groups preserving **local history and heritage**.
- 7 groups active in playing **traditional music**.
 - **Ionad Thròndairnis** (Flodigarry Township Trust) is currently fund raising to build a dedicated Gaelic centre in the north of the island.

A further 13 groups include Gaelic projects as part of their work.

OUR THIRD SECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACTIVITIES

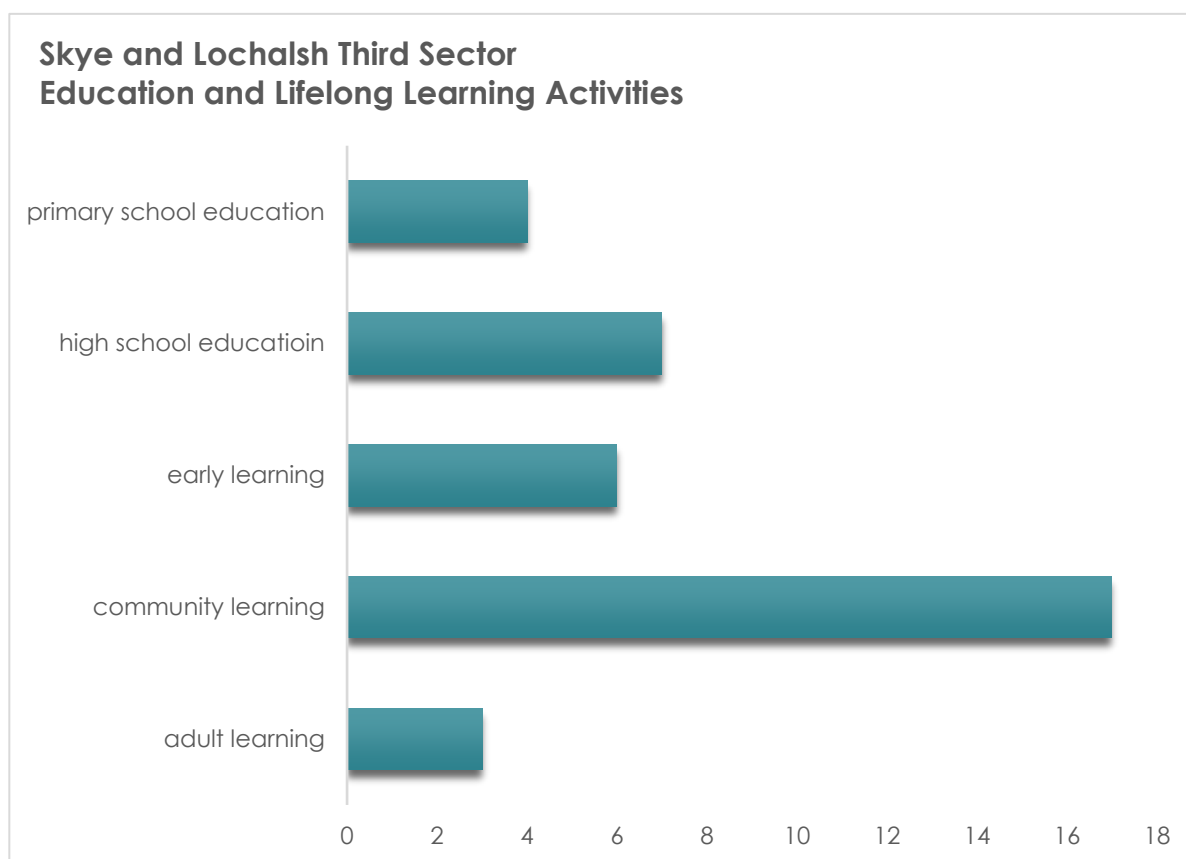
In Skye and Lochalsh **32** groups are active across **13** environmental protection activities.

Skye and Lochalsh Third Sector Environmental Protection Activities



These include:

- **community woodland** projects such as Tormore Forest (*Sleat Community Trust*) and Kingsburgh Forest (178-hectare area with two plantations, Glenhinnisdal and Glenuachdarach owned and managed by *Kingsburgh Forest Trust*).
- **wildlife conservation** and **environmental education work** such as that conducted by *Skye Environmental Centre Ltd* which includes their otter rehabilitation centre, Team Otter (working with schoolchildren) research & advocacy both locally and worldwide.
- **environmental conservation, path maintenance & woodland generation** carried out by *John Muir Trust* who manage three estates in South Skye (Torrin, Strathaird and Sconser) covering 12,000 hectares including most of the Red Cuillin and Black Cuillin including Blà Bheinn and Loch Coruisk.
- **charity shops** (generating valuable income for *Crossroads Care-Skye and Lochalsh*, *Highland Hospice*, and the overseas aid work of *Blythswood Care*) and **re-use projects** such as the Lochalsh Re-use and Recycle Hub (run by *Kyle and Lochalsh Community Trust*)
- **Beach cleans** and **pollution clean-up activities** such as the work of *Skye Beach Cleans* (currently un-constituted but working towards becoming a SCIO)
- **electric vehicle charging points** (*Kyle and Lochalsh Community Trusts*).
- **renewable energy projects** such as the river hydro-electric generation schemes in Raasay run by *Raasay Community Renewables Ltd*.



23 groups across Skye and Lochalsh offer specific activities relating to education and lifelong learning.

These include: -

- the work of **local history societies** such as *Comunn Eachdraidh Shlèite*, *Comann Eachdraidh Ionadail Phortrìgh* and *Struan Local History Society* working in partnership with Highlife Highland's Archive Centre in Portree and delivering local history talks.
- The Isle of Skye U3A offering a wide range of **community learning options** for people not in full-time employment. These include a wide range of cultural and recreational activities with the focus on sharing skills and learning from each other.

Christian Outlook on Lochalsh (COOL) works in partnership with Plockton High School and 11 Lochalsh primary schools providing curriculum contributions and opportunities for pupils to explore values and faith from a biblical perspective in school assemblies, lunchtime clubs, youth group, and activities during school holidays.

WHO BENEFITS

Most Third Sector activities & services in Skye and Lochalsh are not aimed at a specific defined group of people. The definition of 'anyone /whole community' could be either: -

- people in the immediate local community where the group is based.
people living in the Isle of Skye OR people living in Lochalsh.
- residents of Skye and Lochalsh as a whole.

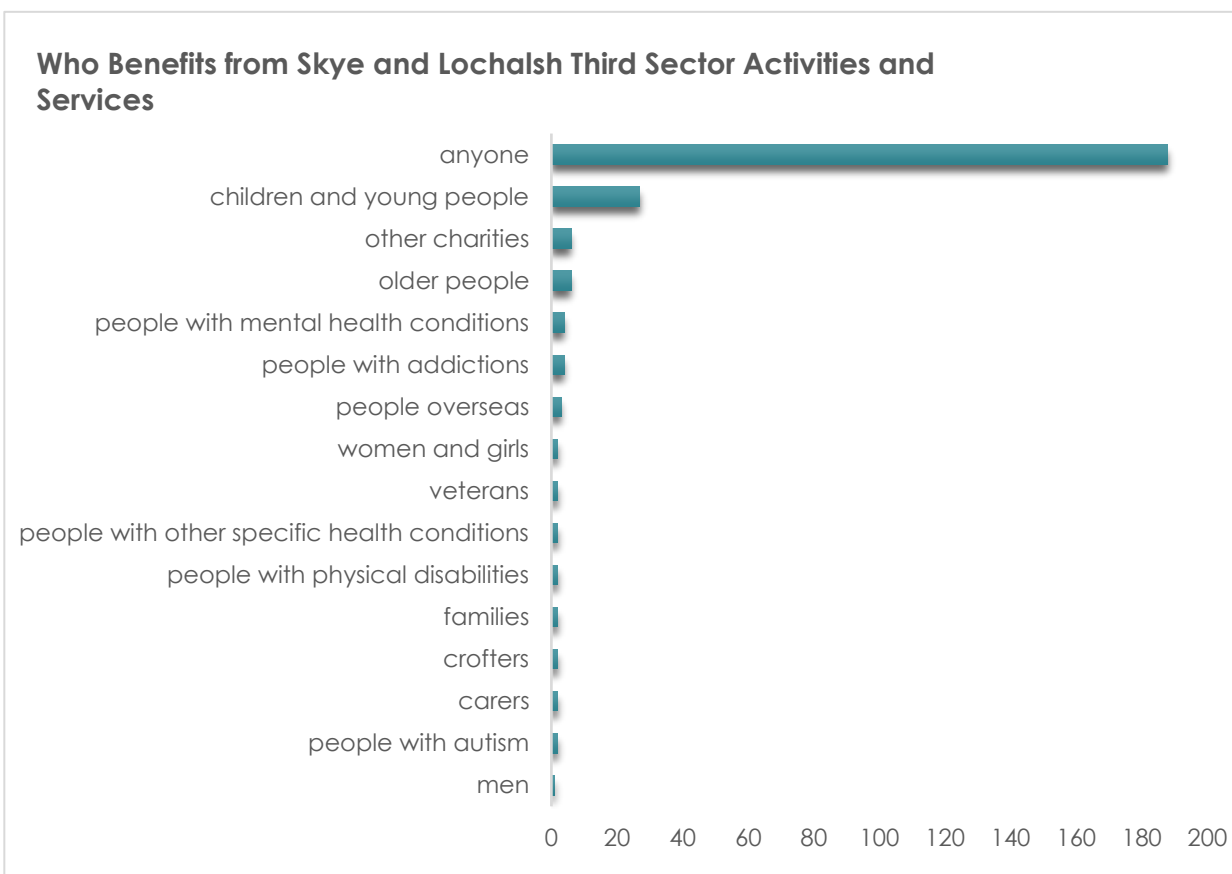
50% of the total Third Sector groups in Skye and Lochalsh are geographic specific, i.e. they focus their activities and services on benefiting the people resident in their immediate local communities. In Lochalsh there are 37 groups whose activities are aimed at residents living in defined communities including 9 groups based in Plockton, 2 groups in Achmore & Stromeferry and 5 groups in Glenelg & Arnisdale.

In Skye there are 88 groups whose activities are aimed at residents living in defined communities. These include:

- 9 groups in the Portree area whose activities focus solely on Portree residents
- 4 groups in the Sleat peninsular specifically for Sleat residents
- 5 groups in Kilmuir with activities aimed solely at people living in the Kilmuir area

26% of Third Sector groups have a constitutional focus on benefiting a defined group of people or to benefit other charities/community groups.

27 constituted groups specifically benefit children (*this does not include the numerous school sports clubs or children's activities and clubs run by faith groups and village halls*)



SKYE & LOCHALSH COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

Skye and Lochalsh Council for Voluntary Organisations (SLCVO) provides free third sector support services across Skye and Lochalsh, working as a rural delivery partner for the Highland Third Sector Interface (HTSI). We help grass-root community groups with access to information, support and training at all stages in their development.

OUR STRATEGIC ROLE

SLCVO has been championing volunteer-led community development in Skye and Lochalsh since 1949. We remain committed to ensuring that the vital contribution made by our members is represented, supported and listened to.

Our role in Community Planning ensures that the voice of Skye and Lochalsh's vibrant Third Sector is heard and that the Third Sector has an input in designing and delivering services relative to changing local needs. We are a part of the Skye, Lochalsh and Wester Ross Community Partnership (led by the Highland Council), Skye, Lochalsh and Wester Ross District Planning Group (led by NHS Highland). Via the Highland Third Sector Interface, we also feed into Third Sector representation on the Highland Community Planning Partnership.

We also play a vital part in facilitating collaborative working between third sector groups and public sector agencies (including The Highland Council and NHS). Currently we are actively involved in managing the Skye and Raasay Future (SARF) Plan and engaging with our membership to explore the development of a local Health Wellbeing, Welfare and Social Care partnership.

SLCVO MEMBERSHIP

SLCVO has a current membership of 135 community groups delivering a wide range of volunteer-led activity in the local area. Our members are crucial to the governance and accountability of SLCVO, informing our strategic role as representative of the local Third Sector.

SLCVO Membership is FREE, and members receive regular updates on funding opportunities, training options and legislation changes, as well as priority access to organisational health checks.

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